

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2001-381-C, 1995-215-C, 1991-500-C, and 1992-318-C

ORDER NO. 2006-437

JULY 26, 2006

IN RE:	Docket No. 2001-381-C – Application of)	ORDER
	VarTec Telecom, Incorporated for a Certificate)	CANCELLING
	of Public Convenience and Necessity to)	CERTIFICATES
	Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local)	
	Exchange Telecommunications Services)	
	within the State of South Carolina;)	
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	Docket No. 1995-215-C – Application of Var-)	
	Tec Solutions, Incorporated (f/k/a eMeritus)	
	Communications, Incorporated) for a)	
	Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
	Necessity to Provide Resold Intrastate)	
	Interexchange Telecommunications Services)	
	within the State of South Carolina;)	
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	Docket No. 1991-500-C – Application of)	
	Excel Telecommunications, Incorporated for a)	
	Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
	Necessity; and)	
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	Docket No. 1992-318-C – Application of)	
	VarTec Telecom, Incorporated for a Certificate)	
	of Public Convenience and Necessity.)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on the request of VarTec Telecom, Inc. (Docket Nos. 2001-381-C and 1992-318-C), VarTec Solutions, Inc. (Docket No. 1995-215-C), and Excel Telecommunications, Inc. (Docket No. 1991-500-C) (collectively, the Companies) to cancel their Certificates of Public

Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina.

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has reviewed the request, and notes that earlier this year, this Commission issued Order No. 2006-107, granting Comtel Telecom Assets LP (Comtel) authority to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina and approving Comtel's acquisition of certain assets and the customer base of the above referenced carriers seeking cancellation of their authority in South Carolina. Also, Comtel, as part of its certification to operate in South Carolina, agreed to comply with the Commission's regulations, directives, and orders and to support the availability of universal service in South Carolina. Further, ORS notes that the requesting Companies appear to no longer be serving South Carolina consumers. Accordingly, ORS states its belief that the approval of the Companies' request for cancellation of the Certificates is in the public interest.

Upon due consideration of the request of the Companies and the statements of the ORS, we agree that the requisite Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity should be cancelled, and we so hold. For this reason, the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina of VarTec Telecom, Inc. (Docket Nos. 2001-381-C and 1992-318-C), VarTec Solutions, Inc. (Docket No. 1995-215-C), and Excel Telecommunications, Inc. (Docket No. 1991-500-C) are hereby cancelled.

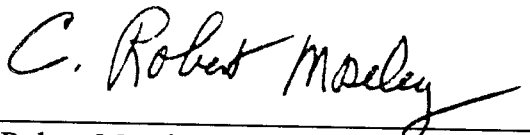
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice-Chairman

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